

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 have been examined. Claims 1 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-4 and 6-7 contain allowable subject matter.

I Preliminary Matters

The Examiner has objected to the title as not being indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the title in a manner believed to overcome the objection. Applicant submits that the title should not be used to narrow the scope of the claims. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to suggest a new title if the currently amended title is not acceptable.

The Examiner has objected to the claims due to minor informalities. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the claims in a manner believed to overcome the objection.

In regard to claim 4, the Examiner maintains that the term "image" is spelled "imag" and thus needs correction. Applicant has reviewed claim 4 as filed, and it appears that the claim does not contain the typographical error. Accordingly, Applicant requests further clarification from the Examiner.

Finally, the Examiner has not acknowledged the drawings filed on May 24, 2004. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate, in the next Office Action, whether the drawings are acceptable.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,455,136 to Yu et al. ("Yu"). However, Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 5, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the rejection of such claims is now moot.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

As stated above, the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-4 and 6-7 contain allowable subject matter. Since Applicant has rewritten claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 into independent form, Applicant submits that claims 2-4 and 6-7 are now in condition for allowance.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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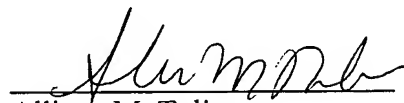
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